

question, who may offer a proper amendment or motion and who controls the time for debate thereon."

Clearly, the vote on the previous question on a rule does have substantive policy implications. It is one of the only available tools for those who oppose the Republican majority's agenda and allows those with alternative views the opportunity to offer an alternative plan.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

Ordering the previous question on House Resolution 420 and the amendment thereto;

Adopting the amendment to House Resolution 420, if ordered; and

Adopting House Resolution 420, if ordered.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 348, RESPONSIBLY AND PROFESSIONALLY INVIGORATING DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2015; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 758, LAWSUIT ABUSE REDUCTION ACT OF 2015; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on the amendment and on the resolution (H. Res. 420) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 348) to provide for improved coordination of agency actions in the preparation and adoption of environmental documents for permitting determinations, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 758) to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 238, nays 179, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 497]

YEAS—238

Abraham	Grothman	Paulsen
Aderholt	Guinta	Pearce
Allen	Guthrie	Perry
Amash	Hanna	Pittenger
Amodei	Hardy	Pitts
Babin	Harper	Poe (TX)
Barletta	Harris	Poliquin
Barton	Hartzler	Pompeo
Benishek	Heck (NV)	Posey
Billirakis	Hensarling	Price, Tom
Bishop (MI)	Herrera Beutler	Ratcliffe
Bishop (UT)	Hice, Jody B.	Reed
Black	Hill	Reichert
Blackburn	Holding	Renacci
Blum	Hudson	Ribble
Bost	Huelskamp	Rice (SC)
Boustany	Huizenga (MI)	Rigell
Brady (TX)	Hultgren	Roby
Brat	Hunter	Roe (TN)
Bridenstine	Hurd (TX)	Rogers (AL)
Brooks (AL)	Hurt (VA)	Rogers (KY)
Brooks (IN)	Issa	Rohrabacher
Buchanan	Jenkins (KS)	Rokita
Buck	Jenkins (WV)	Rooney (FL)
Bucshon	Johnson (OH)	Ros-Lehtinen
Burgess	Johnson, Sam	Roskam
Byrne	Jones	Ross
Calvert	Jordan	Rothfus
Carter (GA)	Joyce	Rouzer
Carter (TX)	Katko	Royce
Chabot	Kelly (MS)	Russell
Chaffetz	Kelly (PA)	Ryan (WI)
Clawson (FL)	King (IA)	Salmon
Coffman	King (NY)	Sanford
Cole	Kinzinger (IL)	Scalise
Collins (GA)	Kline	Schweikert
Collins (NY)	Knight	Scott, Austin
Comstock	Labrador	Sensenbrenner
Conaway	LaMalfa	Sessions
Cook	Lamborn	Shimkus
Costello (PA)	Lance	Shuster
Cramer	Latta	Simpson
Crawford	LoBiondo	Smith (MO)
Crenshaw	Long	Smith (NE)
Culberson	Loudermilk	Smith (NJ)
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Denham	Luetkemeyer	Stewart
Dent	Lummis	Stivers
DeSantis	MacArthur	Stutzman
DeJarlais	Marchant	Thornberry
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Dold	Massie	Tipton
Donovan	McCarthy	Trott
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Duncan (TN)	McHenry	Valadao
Ellmers (NC)	McKinley	Walberg
Emmer (MN)	McMorris	Walden
Farenthold	Rodgers	Walker
Fitzpatrick	McSally	Walorski
Fleischmann	Meadows	Walters, Mimi
Fleming	Meehan	Weber (TX)
Flores	Messer	Webster (FL)
Forbes	Mica	Wenstrup
Fortenberry	Miller (FL)	Westerman
Fox	Miller (MI)	Whitfield
Franks (AZ)	Moolenaar	Williams
Frelinghuysen	Mooney (WV)	Wilson (SC)
Garrett	Mullin	Wittman
Gibbs	Mulvaney	Womack
Gibson	Murphy (PA)	Woodall
Gohmert	Neugebauer	Yoder
Goodlatte	Newhouse	Yoho
Gosar	Noem	Young (AK)
Gowdy	Nugent	Young (IA)
Graves (GA)	Nunes	Young (IN)
Graves (LA)	Olson	Zeldin
Graves (MO)	Palazzo	Zinke
Griffith	Palmer	

NAYS—179

Adams	Beyer	Brady (PA)
Aguiar	Bishop (GA)	Brown (FL)
Ashford	Blumenauer	Brownley (CA)
Bass	Bonamici	Butterfield
Beatty	Boyle, Brendan	Capps
Becerra	F.	Capuano

Cárdenas	Himes	Pallone
Carney	Hinojosa	Pascarell
Carson (IN)	Honda	Payne
Cartwright	Hoyer	Perlmutter
Castor (FL)	Huffman	Peters
Castro (TX)	Israel	Peterson
Chu, Judy	Jackson Lee	Pingree
Cicilline	Jeffries	Pocan
Clark (MA)	Johnson (GA)	Polis
Clarke (NY)	Johnson, E. B.	Price (NC)
Cleaver	Kaptur	Quigley
Clyburn	Keating	Rangel
Cohen	Kelly (IL)	Rice (NY)
Connolly	Kennedy	Richmond
Conyers	Kildee	Roybal-Allard
Cooper	Kilmer	Ruiz
Costa	Kind	Ruppersberger
Courtney	Kirkpatrick	Rush
Crowley	Kuster	Ryan (OH)
Cuellar	Langevin	Sánchez, Linda
Cummings	Larsen (WA)	T.
Davis (CA)	Larson (CT)	Sarbanes
Davis, Danny	Lawrence	Schakowsky
DeFazio	Lee	Schiff
DeGette	Levin	Schrader
Delaney	Lewis	Scott (VA)
DeLauro	Lieu, Ted	Scott, David
DeBene	Lipinski	Serrano
DeSaulnier	Loebach	Sewell (AL)
Deutch	Lofgren	Sherman
Doggett	Lowenthal	Sinema
Doyle, Michael	Lowe	Sires
F.	Lujan Grisham	Slaughter
Duckworth	(NM)	Speier
Edwards	Lujan, Ben Ray	Swalwell (CA)
Ellison	(NM)	Takai
Engel	Lynch	Takano
Eshoo	Maloney,	Thompson (MS)
Esty	Carolyn	Titus
Farr	Maloney, Sean	Tonko
Fattah	Matsui	Torres
Foster	McCollum	Tsongas
Fudge	McDermott	Van Hollen
Gabbard	McGovern	Vargas
Gallo	McNerney	Veasey
Garamendi	Meeke	Vela
Graham	Meng	Velázquez
Grayson	Moore	Visclosky
Green, Al	Moulton	Walz
Green, Gene	Murphy (FL)	Wasserman
Grijalva	Nadler	Schultz
Gutiérrez	Napolitano	Waters, Maxine
Hahn	Neal	Watson Coleman
Hastings	Nolan	Welch
Heck (WA)	Norcross	Wilson (FL)
Higgins	O'Rourke	Yarmuth

NOT VOTING—16

Barr	Frankel (FL)	Thompson (CA)
Bera	Granger	Thompson (PA)
Bustos	Jolly	Wagner
Clay	Pelosi	Westmoreland
Dingell	Sanchez, Loretta	
Fincher	Smith (WA)	

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Mr. MILLER of Florida changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the previous question was ordered.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated against:

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 497, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast a vote on rollcall vote No. 497, ordering the previous question, because I was at the Pentagon Ceremony Recognizing the Heroism and Valor of Airman First Class Spencer Stone, Specialist Alek Skarlatos, and Mr. Anthony Sadler. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 11, 2015.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a facsimile copy of a letter received from Mr. Steven S. Sandvoss, Executive Director, State Board of Elections for the State of Illinois, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held September 10, 2015, the Honorable Darin LaHood was elected Representative to Congress for the Eighteenth Congressional District, State of Illinois.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.

Enclosure.

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS,
STATE OF ILLINOIS,
Springfield, IL, September 11, 2015.

Hon. KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. HAAS: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Thursday, September 10, 2015, for Representative in Congress from the Eighteenth Congressional District of Illinois, show that Darin LaHood received 35,213 votes or 75% of the total number of votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Darin LaHood was elected as Representative in Congress from the Eighteenth Congressional District of Illinois.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by all 19 jurisdictions involved, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Sincerely,

STEVEN S. SANDVOSS,
Executive Director.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE DARIN
LAHOOD, OF ILLINOIS, AS A MEMBER OF THE
HOUSE

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, as the dean of the Illinois delegation, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Illinois, the Honorable DARIN LAHOOD, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will Representative-elect LAHOOD and the members of the Illinois delegation present themselves in the well.

All Members will rise, and the Representative-elect will please raise his right hand.

Mr. LAHOOD appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties

of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the 114th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE DARIN LAHOOD TO
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. GUTIÉRREZ) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, DARIN LAHOOD is a central Illinois native who was born and raised in Peoria, Illinois. He comes to the U.S. Congress after serving over 4 years in the Illinois State Senate. Before that, he was a State and Federal prosecutor; an assistant United States attorney; an assistant State's attorney in Cook County in the narcotics unit; and a felony prosecutor in Tazewell County. He is known for his work fighting terrorism and making America safer.

On a personal note, DARIN's dad was former Member of the House Ray LaHood.

I would just like to hasten to add that I can't think of a Member of the House that I love or care for more than Ray LaHood. And I just want to say to his son, everybody keeps saying: Who is the new Congressman? Everybody says: Well, that is Ray LaHood's son. Well, pretty soon—I want to make everyone know—he is going to be known for a lot more than that. But what a wonderful beginning.

I yield to my colleague from the State of Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS).

Mr. SHIMKUS. I thank my colleague. I don't have much to add. We are glad to have DARIN here as a new Member of the 114th Congress. Obviously, he is joined by his dad. Also who we had hoped was going to be here—but I know he is watching—is former Minority Leader Bob Michel, who is really part of the LaHood clan, and we think of him as we swear in DARIN.

DARIN has already hit the ground running, and I can speak for all my colleagues here, DARIN, that we will do all we can to help you be successful.

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I would just like to say that I can't wait to work with him. And I know very soon that former Congressman Ray LaHood is going to be known as his father.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to now welcome the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. LAHOOD).

Mr. LAHOOD. I thank Speaker BOEHNER for swearing me in today.

Mr. Speaker, it is a true honor to be here. I am humbled and honored to be a part of this body. And I want to thank my colleagues—Congressman SHIMKUS, Congressman GUTIÉRREZ, and the rest of the Illinois delegation—for being here today. I look forward to working with them and being a productive Member of this body.

I would just like to thank my constituents that voted for me in this special election. We worked hard over the last 6 months in this race, and I am proud to be entrusted with the responsibility that 710,000 people gave me in

my district in Illinois. I am proud of that district, and I am proud of my record in the State Senate. Again, I look forward to bringing the values that I have had in Illinois to this body.

I also want to thank my family. The family is the pride and joy of who I am. I have my three boys up here today—McKay, who is 13; Teddy, who is 8; Lucas, who is 11—and my wife Kristen, who is in the gallery. I couldn't do this without her.

Kristen, please stand up.

I guess I would just say that I look forward to working hard in this body, to meeting my colleagues, doing a lot of listening, and doing a lot of learning to be the best Member of Congress I can be.

I also want to thank my mom and dad and my extended family for being here.

I am proud to be the son of Ray and Kathy LaHood and the values that they instilled in me: faith, family, working hard, remembering where you came from, doing the best job you can for the people you represent, and staying grounded in your district.

I couldn't be prouder to be here today with the legacy in this district going back to Abraham Lincoln; and Bob Michel for 38 years, who I am sorry couldn't be here today. When I think about Bob Michel and think about 71 years ago he began his service to this country on the beaches of Normandy and spent 38 years in this body representing Peoria, and then he, during his time when Reagan was here, ushered in Reagan's values to help change this country, to have that legacy means so much.

I know I have got a lot to learn. I look forward to hitting the ground running, being the best Member of Congress that I can, and working hard for my district.

Thank you very much.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. LAHOOD), the whole number of the House is 435.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. POLIS. Madam Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. ROBY). The gentleman from Colorado will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. POLIS. Madam Speaker, does this martial law amendment mean that any bill next week can be brought up without the 24-hour notice that we normally have to read a bill directly to the floor?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will not interpret the pending proposition.

Mr. POLIS. Well, Madam Speaker, that is the plain language of this amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the adoption of the amendment to House Resolution 420 offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS).

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. POLIS. Madam Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 237, noes 187, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 498]

AYES—237

Abraham	Gowdy	Moolenaar
Aderholt	Granger	Mooney (WV)
Allen	Graves (GA)	Mullin
Amodei	Graves (LA)	Mulvaney
Babin	Graves (MO)	Murphy (PA)
Barletta	Griffith	Neugebauer
Barton	Grothman	Newhouse
Benishek	Guinta	Noem
Billirakis	Guthrie	Nugent
Bishop (MI)	Hanna	Nunes
Bishop (UT)	Hardy	Olson
Black	Harper	Palazzo
Blackburn	Harris	Palmer
Blum	Hartzler	Paulsen
Bost	Heck (NV)	Pearce
Boustany	Hensarling	Perry
Brady (TX)	Herrera Beutler	Pittenger
Brat	Hice, Jody B.	Pitts
Bridenstine	Hill	Poe (TX)
Brooks (IN)	Holding	Poliquin
Buchanan	Hudson	Pompeo
Buck	Huelskamp	Price, Tom
Bucshon	Huizenga (MI)	Ratcliffe
Burgess	Hultgren	Reed
Byrne	Hunter	Reichert
Calvert	Hurd (TX)	Renacci
Carter (GA)	Hurt (VA)	Ribble
Carter (TX)	Issa	Rice (SC)
Chabot	Jenkins (KS)	Rigell
Chaffetz	Jenkins (WV)	Roby
Clawson (FL)	Johnson (OH)	Roe (TN)
Coffman	Johnson, Sam	Rogers (AL)
Cole	Jolly	Rogers (KY)
Collins (GA)	Jordan	Rohrabacher
Collins (NY)	Joyce	Rokita
Comstock	Katko	Rooney (FL)
Conaway	Kelly (MS)	Ros-Lehtinen
Cook	Kelly (PA)	Roskam
Costello (PA)	King (IA)	Ross
Cramer	King (NY)	Rothfus
Crawford	Kinzinger (IL)	Rouzer
Crenshaw	Kline	Royce
Culberson	Knight	Russell
Curbelo (FL)	Labrador	Ryan (WI)
Davis, Rodney	LaHood	Salmon
Denham	LaMalfa	Sanford
Dent	Lamborn	Scalise
DeSantis	Lance	Schweikert
DesJarlais	Latta	Scott, Austin
Diaz-Balart	LoBiondo	Sensenbrenner
Dold	Long	Sessions
Donovan	Loudermilk	Shimkus
Duffy	Love	Shuster
Duncan (SC)	Lucas	Simpson
Duncan (TN)	Luetkemeyer	Smith (MO)
Ellmers (NC)	Lummis	Smith (NE)
Emmer (MN)	MacArthur	Smith (NJ)
Farenthold	Marchant	Smith (TX)
Fitzpatrick	Marino	Stefanik
Fleischmann	McCarthy	Stewart
Fleming	McCauley	Stivers
Flores	McClintock	Stutzman
Forbes	McHenry	Thompson (PA)
Fortenberry	McKinley	Thornberry
Fox	McMorris	Tiberi
Franks (AZ)	Rodgers	Tipton
Frelinghuysen	McSally	Trott
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Gibson	Messer	Valadao
Gohmert	Mica	Walberg
Goodlatte	Miller (FL)	Walden
Gosar	Miller (MI)	Walker

Walorski
Walters, Mimi
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Wenstrup
Westerman
Whitfield

Williams
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Womack
Woodall
Yoder
Yoho

Young (AK)
Young (IA)
Young (IN)
Zeldin
Zinke

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 238, noes 183, not voting 13, as follows:

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Buck	Jenkins (KS)	Rooney (FL)
Bucshon	Jenkins (WV)	Ros-Lehtinen
Burgess	Johnson (OH)	Roskam
Byrne	Johnson, Sam	Ross
Calvert	Johnson, T.	Rothfus
Carter (GA)	Joyce	Rouzer
Carter (TX)	Katko	Royce
Chabot	Chaffetz	Russell
Chaffetz	Kelly (MS)	Ryan (WI)
Clawson (FL)	Kelly (PA)	Salmon
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Cole	King (NY)	Scalise
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Conaway	Labrador	Sessions
Cook	LaHood	Shimkus
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Crenshaw	Latta	Smith (NE)
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Gibbs	Mullin	Womack
Gibson	Murphy (PA)	Woodall
Gohmert	Neugebauer	Yoder
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	Nunes	Young (IN)
	Olson	Zeldin
	Palazzo	Zinke
	Palmer	
	Paulsen	

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Adams	Bera	Brady (PA)
Aguilar	Beyer	Brown (FL)
Amash	Bishop (GA)	Brownley (CA)
Ashford	Blumenauer	Bustos
Bass	Bonamici	Butterfield
Beatty	Boyle, Brendan	Capps
Becerra	F.	Capuano

NOES—187

Adams	Frankel (FL)	Moulton
Aguilar	Fudge	Murphy (FL)
Amash	Gabbard	Nadler
Ashford	Gallego	Napolitano
Bass	Garamendi	Neal
Beatty	Graham	Nolan
Becerra	Grayson	Norcross
Bera	Green, Al	O'Rourke
Beyer	Green, Gene	Pallone
Bishop (GA)	Grijalva	Pascarell
Blumenauer	Gutiérrez	Payne
Bonamici	Hahn	Perlmutter
Boyle, Brendan	Hastings	Peters
F.	Heck (WA)	Peterson
Brady (PA)	Higgins	Pingree
Brooks (AL)	Himes	Pocan
Brown (FL)	Hinojosa	Polis
Brownley (CA)	Honda	Price (NC)
Bustos	Hoyer	Quigley
Butterfield	Huffman	Rangel
Capps	Israel	Rice (NY)
Capuano	Jackson Lee	Richmond
Cárdenas	Jeffries	Roybal-Allard
Carney	Johnson (GA)	Ruiz
Carson (IN)	Johnson, E. B.	Ruppersberger
Cartwright	Jones	Rush
Castor (FL)	Kaptur	Ryan (OH)
Castro (TX)	Keating	Sánchez, Linda
Chu, Judy	Kelly (IL)	T.
Cicilline	Kennedy	Sarbanes
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Cleaver	Kirkpatrick	Scott (VA)
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Cohen	Langevin	Serrano
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Cooper	Lawrence	Sinema
Costa	Lee	Sires
Courtney	Levin	Slaughter
Crowley	Lewis	Speier
Cuellar	Lieu, Ted	Swalwell (CA)
Cummings	Lipinski	Takai
Davis (CA)	Loebach	Takano
Davis, Danny	Lofgren	Thompson (MS)
DeFazio	Lowenthal	Titus
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Delaney	Lujan Grisham	Torres
DeLauro	(NM)	Tsongas
DelBene	Lujan, Ben Ray	Van Hollen
DeSaulnier	(NM)	Vargas
Deutch	Lynch	Veasey
Doggett	Maloney,	Vela
Doyle, Michael	Carolyn	Velázquez
F.	Maloney, Sean	Visclosky
Duckworth	Massie	Walz
Edwards	Matsui	Wasserman
Ellison	McCollum	Schultz
Engel	McDermott	Waters, Maxine
Eshoo	McGovern	Watson Coleman
Esty	McNerney	Welch
Farr	Meeks	Wilson (FL)
Fattah	Meng	Yarmuth
Foster	Moore	

NOT VOTING—10

Barr	Posey	Wagner
Dingell	Sanchez, Loretta	Westmoreland
Fincher	Smith (WA)	
Pelosi	Thompson (CA)	

□ 1517

So the amendment was agreed to.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution, as amended.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. POLIS. Madam Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

Cárdenas	Honda	Pascarell
Carney	Hoyer	Payne
Carson (IN)	Huffman	Perlmutter
Cartwright	Israel	Peters
Castor (FL)	Jackson Lee	Peterson
Castro (TX)	Jeffries	Pingree
Chu, Judy	Johnson (GA)	Pocan
Cicilline	Johnson, E. B.	Polis
Clarke (NY)	Jones	Price (NC)
Clay	Kaptur	Quigley
Cleaver	Keating	Rangel
Clyburn	Kelly (IL)	Rice (NY)
Cohen	Kennedy	Richmond
Connolly	Kildee	Roybal-Allard
Cooper	Kilmer	Ruiz
Costa	Kind	Ruppersberger
Courtney	Kirkpatrick	Rush
Crowley	Kuster	Ryan (OH)
Cuellar	Langevin	Sánchez, Linda
Cummings	Larsen (WA)	T.
Davis (CA)	Larson (CT)	Sarbanes
Davis, Danny	Lawrence	Schakowsky
DeGette	Lee	Schiff
Delaney	Levin	Schrader
DeLauro	Lewis	Scott (VA)
DeBene	Lieu, Ted	Scott, David
DeSaulnier	Lipinski	Serrano
Deutch	Loebach	Sewell (AL)
Doggett	Lofgren	Sherman
Doyle, Michael	Lowenthal	Sinema
F.	Lowe	Sires
Duckworth	Lujan Grisham	Slaughter
Edwards	(NM)	Speier
Ellison	Lujan, Ben Ray	Swalwell (CA)
Engel	(NM)	Takai
Eshoo	Lynch	Takano
Esty	Maloney,	Thompson (MS)
Farr	Carolyn	Titus
Fattah	Maloney, Sean	Tonko
Foster	Massie	Torres
Frankel (FL)	Matsui	Tsongas
Fudge	McCollum	Van Hollen
Gabbard	McDermott	Vargas
Gallego	McGovern	Veasey
Garamendi	McNerney	Vela
Graham	Meeks	Velázquez
Grayson	Meng	Visclosky
Green, Al	Moore	Walz
Green, Gene	Moulton	Wasserman
Grijalva	Murphy (FL)	Schultz
Gutiérrez	Nadler	Waters, Maxine
Hahn	Napolitano	Watson Coleman
Hastings	Neal	Welch
Heck (WA)	Nolan	Wilson (FL)
Higgins	Norcross	Yarmuth
Himes	O'Rourke	
Hinojosa	Pallone	

NOT VOTING—13

Barr	Fincher	Thompson (CA)
Clark (MA)	Mulvaney	Wagner
Conyers	Pelosi	Westmoreland
DeFazio	Sanchez, Loretta	
Dingell	Smith (WA)	

□ 1524

So the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I unfortunately missed the vote on adoption of H. Res. 420. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

LAWSUIT ABUSE REDUCTION ACT OF 2015

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 420, I call up the bill (H.R. 758) to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FLEISCHMANN). Pursuant to House Resolution 420, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 758

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2015".

SEC. 2. ATTORNEY ACCOUNTABILITY.

(a) SANCTIONS UNDER RULE 11.—Rule 11(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "may" and inserting "shall";

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking "Rule 5" and all that follows through "motion." and inserting "Rule 5."; and

(3) in paragraph (4), by striking "situated" and all that follows through the end of the paragraph and inserting "situated, and to compensate the parties that were injured by such conduct. Subject to the limitations in paragraph (5), the sanction shall consist of an order to pay to the party or parties the amount of the reasonable expenses incurred as a direct result of the violation, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. The court may also impose additional appropriate sanctions, such as striking the pleadings, dismissing the suit, or other directives of a non-monetary nature, or, if warranted for effective deterrence, an order directing payment of a penalty into the court."

(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act or an amendment made by this Act shall be construed to bar or impede the assertion or development of new claims, defenses, or remedies under Federal, State, or local laws, including civil rights laws, or under the Constitution of the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOODLATTE) and the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. COHEN) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOODLATTE).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on H.R. 758, currently under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 758, the Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act, would restore mandatory sanctions for frivolous lawsuits filed in Federal Court. Many Americans may not realize it, but today, under what is called rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, there is no requirement that those who file frivolous lawsuits pay for the unjustified legal costs they impose on their victims, even when those victims prove to a judge the lawsuit was without any basis in law or fact. As a result, the current rule 11 goes largely unenforced, because the victims of frivolous lawsuits have little incentive to pursue additional litigation to have the case declared frivolous when there is no guarantee of compensation at the end of the day.

H.R. 758 would finally provide light at the end of the tunnel for the victims

of frivolous lawsuits by requiring sanctions against the filers of frivolous lawsuits, sanctions which include paying back victims for the full costs of their reasonable expenses incurred as a direct result of the rule 11 violation, including attorneys' fees.

The bill also strikes the current provisions in rule 11 that allow lawyers to avoid sanctions for making frivolous claims and demands by simply withdrawing them within 21 days. This change eliminates the free pass lawyers now have to file frivolous lawsuits in Federal Court.

□ 1530

The current lack of mandatory sanctions leads to the regular filing of lawsuits that are clearly baseless. So many frivolous pleadings currently go under the radar because the lack of mandatory sanctions for frivolous filings forces victims of frivolous lawsuits to roll over and settle the case because doing that is less expensive than litigating the case to a victory in court.

Correspondence written by someone filing a frivolous lawsuit, which became public, concisely illustrates how the current lack of mandatory sanctions for filing frivolous lawsuits leads to legal extortion.

That correspondence to the victim of a frivolous lawsuit states, "I really don't care what the law allows you to do. It's a more practical issue. Do you want to send your attorney a check every month indefinitely as I continue to pursue this?"

Under the Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act, those who file frivolous lawsuits would no longer be able to get off scot-free; and, therefore, they could not get away with those sorts of extortionary threats any longer.

The victims of lawsuit abuse are not just those who are actually sued. Rather, we all suffer under a system in which innocent Americans everywhere live under the constant fear of a potentially bankrupting frivolous lawsuit.

As the former chairman of The Home Depot company has written, "An unpredictable legal system casts a shadow over every plan and investment. It is devastating for start-ups. The cost of even one ill-timed abusive lawsuit can bankrupt a growing company and cost hundreds of thousands of jobs."

The prevalence of frivolous lawsuits in America is reflected in the absurd warning labels companies must place on their products to limit their exposure to frivolous claims.

A 5-inch brass fishing lure with three hooks is labeled "Harmful if swallowed." A Vanishing Fabric Marker warns it "Should not be used . . . for signing checks or any legal documents, as signatures will . . . disappear completely."

A household iron contains the warning "Never iron clothes while they are being worn." A piece of ovenware warns "Ovenware will get hot when used in oven." A hair dryer warns "Never use while sleeping."